

REMARKS

The Office Action dated June 2, 2009, has been received and carefully considered. In response to the Office Action, please consider the following remarks.

Claims 1-5, 10, 20, 22, 25, 26, 28-31, 34-70, 72, 74-80, 85, 95, 97, 98, 100, 103-105, 109, 113-151, 153 and 155-165 are currently pending in this application and subject to restriction.

Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect without traverse the restricted subject matter of Group XXXI, claims 45-46 and 127, drawn to a method of claim 2 in which the gene is MNT or its orthologues, and a plant according to claim 77.

As required by the Restriction Requirement, Applicants submit that claims 2, 45, 46, 77, 126 and 127 encompass the elected subject matter.

CONCLUSION

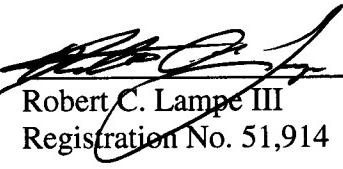
An indication of allowance of all claims is respectfully solicited. Early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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